

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) A method for purchasing telecommunication services, comprising:

receiving one or more requests ~~a request~~ for purchasing at least one telecommunication service at a server, the one or more requests ~~request~~ being associated with a buyer;

receiving information from the buyer regarding prior use of telecommunication services of the buyer;

generating an offer to provide the at least one telecommunication service to the buyer in response to receiving the one or more requests ~~request~~ and receiving the information, the offer being associated with a provider of telecommunication services; and

receiving a response to the offer, wherein the response is associated with the buyer, and wherein the response may be an acceptance of the offer or a rejection of the offer; and

notifying the provider of the response and an identity of the buyer.

40. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 39, wherein the generating an offer comprises:

generating a plurality of offers, each offer being associated with a different telecommunication service provider.

41. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 39, wherein the receiving a request, receiving information, generating an offer, receiving a response, and notifying the provider occur sequentially.

42. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 39, wherein receiving the response further comprises:

receiving user input from the buyer selecting one of the plurality of offers to provide the at least one telecommunication service as the response.

43. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 39, wherein the request is one or more requests for a plurality of types of telecommunication services.

44. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 39, wherein the request is a request for proposal from a plurality of telecommunication service providers.

45. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, further comprising:

querying the buyer regarding prior usage of telecommunication services.

46. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 45, further comprising:

estimating at least a portion of the information based on answers received from the query to the buyer.

47. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 39, further comprising:  
qualifying the buyer to make the request based on identifiers associated with the buyer.

48. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 47 wherein qualifying comprises:  
comparing the identifiers against information from a commercial database in order to confirm an identity of the buyer.

49. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 48 further comprising:  
registering the buyer in order to be able to make the request.

50. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 49, wherein the registering includes providing buyer contact information.

51. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 47, wherein the qualifying is performed based on rules.

52. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 39, wherein the request specifies dates, wherein the dates include a response due date, a service duration date, and a start of service date.

53. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 39, further comprising:  
forming a contract based on the response between the provider and the buyer.

54. (Currently Amended) A telecommunication service manager, comprising:  
a server in communication with a buyer terminal and a plurality of seller terminals,

wherein the server performs a method stored in a storage medium and executed by one or more processors comprising:

receiving one or more requests ~~receives a request~~ associated with a buyer for purchasing at least one telecommunication service,  
receiving ~~receives~~ information from the buyer regarding prior use of telecommunication services of the buyer,  
generating ~~generates~~ an offer associated with a provider of telecommunication services to provide the at least one telecommunication service to the buyer in response to receiving the one or more requests ~~request~~ and receiving the information,  
receiving ~~receives~~ a response to the offer the response associated with the buyer, wherein the response may be an acceptance of the offer or a rejection of the offer, and  
notifying ~~notifies~~ the provider of the response and an identity of the buyer.

55. (Currently Amended) The telecommunication service manager according to claim 54, further comprising:

a database in communication with the server configured to facilitate a purchase of telecommunication services by the buyer from the provider based on the request and the response, wherein the database stores a request for proposal data from the buyer, buyer data, qualification data, and seller data, and wherein the request for proposal data, buyer data, qualification data and seller data are processed by the server to generate the offer.

56. (Withdrawn) The telecommunication service manager of claim 54, wherein the offer is a plurality of offers from the plurality of telecommunication service providers received from the plurality of seller terminals.

57. (Withdrawn) The telecommunication service manager of claim 54, wherein the response is a collaboration of a plurality of responses from the plurality of telecommunication service.

58. (Currently Amended) A telecommunication service manager, comprising:  
a processor for executing a set of instructions;

a memory for storing the set of instructions, wherein the set of instructions receives one or more requests ~~a request~~ associated with a buyer for purchasing at least one telecommunication service at a server, receives information from the buyer regarding prior use of telecommunication services of the buyer, generates an offer associated with a provider of telecommunication services to provide the at least one telecommunication service to the buyer in response to receiving the one or more requests ~~request~~ and receiving the information, receives a response to the offer associated with the buyer, wherein the response may be an acceptance of the offer or a rejection of the offer, and notifies the provider of the response and an identity of the buyer.

59. (Withdrawn) The telecommunication service manager according to claim 57, wherein the set of instructions updates status information regarding the request for display to the buyer.

60. (New) The method according to claim 39, wherein the information from the buyer is received via a database that contains the information. °